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## 1. Svilengrad is divided into four districts:

- a. Gabran: west bank of the Maritsa River;
- b. Kanakli: northern section of the city;
- c. First Bayendir: between Istanbul Road and Kanakli stream; and
- d. Second Bayendir: southern section, i.e., south of Istanbul Road.

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2. [redacted] Svilengrad receives its electricity from Dimitrovgrad, but that the current supply is insufficient, that it is illegal to use electric irons and heaters, and that current is shut off from one to two hours each night. [redacted] current for private consumption is cut off at 11:00 p.m., after which time it is available only for factory use.

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3. Gara Novoselo, formerly called Gara Svilengrad, the railroad station, is located approximately five kilometers northwest of the city. The freight and passenger depots share the same 1-story building. The station is surrounded by a wooden railing one meter high and is guarded at all times. There are six sets of tracks in the station area. Gara Novoselo is linked directly to the Lyubimets and Dimitrovgrad stations. In August 1950, two passenger trains arrived from Dimitrovgrad daily and two trains left in the direction of Dimitrovgrad daily. In January 1951, trains left for Sofia at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and arrived from Sofia at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. In February 1951, three passenger trains left for Sofia after 6:00 p.m.; one train arrived at Svilengrad at 12:00 noon and two at night. One train arrives daily from Turkey and one from Greece; one train returns to each country. Svilengrad is the [redacted] in Bulgaria for destinations in Greece and Turkey.

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4. In addition to the bus which goes from the city to the railroad station, there is one bus line operating out of Svilengrad. The bus is a 40-passenger Opel Blitz vehicle painted white, green, and red; it leaves for Mladinovo (M4156 E2614) each evening, remains in the village during the night, and returns to Svilengrad in the morning. There are the following roads in the Svilengrad area:
  - a. Svilengrad - Lefka;
  - b. Lefka - Mustrak - Studena;
  - c. Svilengrad - Dimitrovche; and
  - d. Raykova Mogila - Shtit.
5. As of February 1951, the only hospital facilities in the city were:
  - a. One polyclinic;
  - b. One dispensary located on the top floor of the municipal pharmacy building on the main street east of the bridge; laborers were examined free of charge, other paid 250 leva for an examination; out-patients were treated at reduced rates;
  - c. A maternity home located in the 3-story building, No. 1, 53rd Street; and
  - d. A hospital was under construction north of the city.
6. Some principal buildings in Svilengrad are:
  - a. Municipal building: located next to the Maritsa River on the western side of the city;
  - b. Food Commissariat: located one block from the municipal building;
  - c. Health department: to the north of the main street;
  - d. Militia and security police offices: a 3-story building constructed in 1949 near the municipal building in the center of the city; some uniformed and civilian militia are housed together in a detached building on the bank of the Maritsa River approximately 10 meters south of the Municipal building;
  - e. District court: in the former men's lycee building on Red Square near the newly-constructed coeducational lycee;
  - f. Telephone station: in the western part of the city; there are 50-60 subscribers to telephone service;
  - g. Machine and tractor station: northeast of the city;
  - h. Stables for the State Land Works: under construction approximately one kilometer from the hospital to the north of the city;
  - i. Primary school: under construction in the eastern portion of the city;

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- j. Hotels: Odrin, Sofia, Trakiya, Bratya Tsiganchevi, and Popovan; the latter four are 1-story buildings located near each other on the main street;
- k. Gilaliste Rosveta Theater: located near the municipal building, houses the cinema, the reading room, and the legitimate theater; and
- l. Churches: Sveti Dimitur in the Bayender quarter, Sveta Troitsa in the Kanakli quarter, and an unidentified church in the Gabran quarter.

- 7. There is a soccer field in the eastern part of Svilengrad near the city park. There are no meteorological stations, compulsory labor camps, or prisons in the area; prisoners are sent to the jail at Khaskovo. There are radio loudspeakers on various streets and in certain business establishments; individuals may have loudspeakers installed in their homes at a rental of 5,000 leva. Radio broadcasts heard on the public system in Svilengrad originate in Moscow and Stara Zagora.
- 8. In the summer of 1949, a section of the Istanbul Road in Svilengrad, between the headquarters of 15 Border Battalion and the reading center on the square, was paved. The Istanbul Road constitutes Svilengrad's main street and passes through the city at a width of 10-12 meters. It is rumored that the paving will be continued as far as the station in the summer of 1950. During the summer of 1950, a crew of 400 men of 4 Company (Cheka) of 8 Labor District, under the command of trudovak First Lieutenant Radkov and trudovak First Lieutenant Mechkov, were engaged in repairing the Istanbul highway between Kharmanlii and Bryagovo; the unit was stationed in Bryagovo village.

- 9. Thursday is market day in Svilengrad.

- 10. As of February 1951, some important personalities in Svilengrad were:

- a. Georgi Yanev: State Security Chief, [redacted] 25X1
- b. A certain Siganev: Assitant State Security Chief, [redacted] 25X1
- c. Major Khristo Yemalov: Militia Chief;
- d. Ivan Daev: Assistant Militia Chief;
- e. Todor Kirkov: Chief of the People's Council, [redacted] 25X1
- f. Kosta Veleev: Major of the Municipality (sic), [redacted] 25X1
- g. Anatas Pindelov: Veterinary at the Agricultural Works, Svishtov district;
- h. Staate Yanev: Chief of the Agricultural Works of the municipality, [redacted] 25X1
- i. Kosto Dimitrov Gaganzov: Municipal Secretary, [redacted] 25X1
- j. Khristo Ganev: Municipal Comptroller, [redacted] 25X1
- k. Kosta Veleev: Finance official;

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1. Pop Tenev: Priest in the Kanakli quarter; [ ] and [ ] 25X1
- m. Pop Kosta Bozhinov: Priest in Shtit village, [ ] who returned recently after 12 months of exile. 25X1

11. Trudovaks are quartered in the hotel adjacent to the barracks of 13 Border Battalion. Approximately 100-120 soldiers of 23 Border Guard Battalion are located in barracks on the highway to Edirne. The barracks of 13 Border Battalion are situated south of the bridge on the east bank of the Maritsa River in Svilengrad, in the eastern part of the city. The buildings were completed in 1950; one of the buildings is of stone construction, the other is half stone and half wood. Two hundred soldiers and fifteen officers are located here; the unit is commanded by a major. [ ] several lieutenants at the barracks, but no captains. This battalion was formerly attached to the border regiment at Elkhovo; the troops are subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior.

12. Security is maintained by the State Security and militia units. There are militia posts in various parts of the city, such as at the railroad station; at night the security police assist in patrols. [ ] curfew hour was 10:00 p.m., [ ] curfew restrictions were enforced between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

13. Permits to cross the border into Greece or Turkey are issued in Svilengrad. Unauthorized travel is not permitted in an area two kilometers deep along the border and is restricted in an area of various depths, from 50 kilometers at Khaskovo to 55 kilometers at Zvezda. The Zvezda (Star) control point, guarded by a militia group of 8-10 men under the command of a commissar, is located in the fields approximately three kilometers southwest of Bulgarska Polyana in the Topolovgrad district at the intersection of the following roads:

- a. Zvezda - Svilengrad: through the villages of Dupchevo, Mladinovo, Lefka, and Stara Lefka;
- b. Zvezda - Kharmanlii;
- c. Zvezda - Stara Zagora;
- d. Zvezda - Topolovgrad; and
- e. Zvezda - Dervishka Mogila.

14. Border Post No. 7, which is used as a permanent station by 25-30 soldiers, is located five or six kilometers south of Raykova Mogila. The unit is subordinate to the Kapitan Andreevo Border Command which is located approximately five kilometers south of the post; communication between the units is effected by telephone and occasional courier. There are border guard patrols of two men armed with automatic weapons on duty at all times near Varnik and Shtit villages; these units also communicate by telephone. There is a guard post seven kilometers southeast of Shtit, near Kapitan Andreevo village.

15. There is a tank barrier line two or three meters deep starting approximately two or three meters south of Lefka village on the Greek border and extending to the Turkish border; the fortifications were constructed in 1941-1942 and are in good condition. Bunkers are located on the hills around Lefka; the wire

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entanglements were in disrepair, the posts having rotted. There were rumors that unidentified troops were digging trenches in the Lefka and Momkovo village areas.

16. Lieutenant Colonel Kosta Velez was transferred from 13 Border Battalion to the Malko Turnovo area in October 1950.
17. The 1929 class began military duty on 15 September 1949; the trudovak units of the class began service on 5 April 1950.

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1. The barrage under construction is across the channel of the Tundzha River approximately five kilometers north of Kazanluk. The entire Kazanluk plain is to be irrigated from this barrage.
2. Approximately 200 trudovaks were constructing earthworks; construction of the dikes and dam had not yet been started.
3. The barrage will cover an area approximately 8,000 meters long and 6,000 meters wide. The depth is six meters in some places.
4. The project is scheduled for completion in 1953. The construction is called the Koprinka barrage.

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